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HUNTING REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR ATLANTIC SEA DUCKS, ALASKAN WATERFOWL

Hunting regulations for Atlantic sea ducks and for waterfowl across the vast regions of Alaska were announced simultaneously today by the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The major change in the Alaskan "framework" (dates and limits within which states can fix their own hunting rules) was the increase in the brant limit to four daily and eight in possession from three daily and in possession.

The bag on Canada and white fronted geese was increased from three daily and six in possession to four daily and eight in possession except in the Copper River Delta where the bag on these geese was reduced to two daily and four in possession. This area is the breeding ground of Dusky Canada geese. Bag limits on these geese were restricted on the wintering grounds last year.

The following are the frameworks as approved by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall:

SCOTER, EIDER, AND OLD-SQUAW DUCKS (ATLANTIC FLYWAY)

A special season for taking scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks is prescribed between September 25 and January 10 in all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Connecticut; and in those coastal waters of New York State in Long Island Sound and Block Island Sound, and the waters of Gardiner's Bay lying east of a line from the Long Beach Bay lighthouse to the most easterly point of Ram Head on Shelter Island and on to the Cedar Point light, including coastal waters on the south side of Long Island; and the States of New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia may, upon their election, have such special season in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and/or in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least one (1) mile of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation: PROVIDED, That any such areas have been described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas under the hunting regulations adopted by the respective States.

Shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset. The daily bag limit is 7 and the possession limit is 14, singly or in the aggregate of these species. In all other areas or these States and in all other States in the Atlantic Flyway, such ducks may be taken only during the open season for other ducks.

During the regular season in the Atlantic Flyway, in addition to the bag limit on other ducks, a daily bag limit of 7 and a possession limit of 14 scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks, singly or in the aggregate of these species, is permitted.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS IN ALASKA

Alaska may select seasons on waterfowl, coots, and common snipe (Wilson's) within the outside dates of September 1 through January 26, subject to the following conditions:

1. Daily shooting hours on all species are from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset;
2. An open season of 61 consecutive full days for snipe;
3. In all the Pribilof and Aleutian Islands except Unimak Island, an open season of 105 consecutive days within the outside dates of October 14 and January 26 for brant, geese, ducks, and coots;

5. Bag and Possession Limits:

- (a) Ducks: A basic daily bag limit of 6 and a possession limit of 12 ducks collectively. In addition, a daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 30 singly or in the aggregate of the following species: scoter, eider, old-squaw, harlequin, and American and red-breasted mergansers. bag limits
- (b) Geese: A daily bag limit of 6 and a possession limit of 12 of which not more than 4 daily, singly or in the aggregate, and 8 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, may be Canada geese and white-fronted geese; except that in the Alaska Game Management Unit No. 6 (Copper River Delta), the limit is 2 daily and 4 in possession of Canada and white-fronted geese, singly or in the aggregate of these two species;
- (c) Brant: A daily bag limit of 4 and possession limit of 8;
- (d) Coots: A daily bag and possession limit of 15; and
- (e) Snipe: A daily bag limit of 8 and a possession limit of 16.

An open season of 45 consecutive full days for the taking of little brown cranes in Alaska is prescribed for the period from September 1 through October 15 with a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4, and daily shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset.

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